

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

December 9, 2010

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on December 2, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending December 8, 2010 in the amount of \$ 333,881.64 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of December 2 – December 8, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from December 1 – December 6, 2010

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 2,842,652.13 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

**Councilor Jackson** said just so people are aware of why we are passing \$2.8 million. \$1.8 million is our retirement contribution.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 23, 2010 will be changed due to the Christmas Holiday to Tuesday, December 21, 2010 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 30, 2010 will be changed due to the New Year's Eve Holiday to Tuesday, December 28, 2010 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Local Law P1 of 2010 amending Chapter 161 of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh be established: "To provide for the licensing and identification of dogs within the City of Plattsburgh." A Public

Hearing is set for December 16, 2010 at 5 pm in the Common Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, NY. The entire text of which has been distributed to and read by the members of the Common Council is hereby enacted without the reading thereof and a copy of said local law is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

**Councilor Calnon** moved to table.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Tabled

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Governor of the State of New York and the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly must reform the cost drivers that lead to high property taxes in New York – including pension benefits, health insurance costs and the collective bargaining process – as the central element of any effort to provide overdue property tax relief to the residents and businesses of New York.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

**Mayor Kasprzak** said he would like to point out that with this resolution that in the last month and a half he has had several meetings with the Mandate Relief Task Force and this is now directly related to that. Next week the New York State Conference of Mayors and the Executive Staff of NYCOM will be going to several cities; Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Binghamton and Utica. The President of New York Conference of Mayors as well as the Executive Staff and different Mayors throughout those areas will be talking about all these issues and sending a recommendation to the Governor Elect and Tuesday I will be going down to Albany to be at that press conference. So this is a majority of what we will be talking about.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the periodic safety inspection on Mead Dam be completed by CHA at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Chief Plant Operator Dave Powell to advertise for bids for contract #2010-17, "Liquid alum for WPCP."
2. Request from Chief Plant Operator Dave Powell to advertise for bids for contract #2010-18, "Sodium Thiosulfate for WPCP."
3. Request from Chief Plant Operator Dave Powell to advertise for bids for contract #2010-19, "15% Sodium Hypochlorite Trade Solution for WPCP and Water Filtration Plant."
4. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from October 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,587.47. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .16%.
5. Request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project number H8320.68 as per the attached documentation made available for the meeting.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said Councilor Calnon did discuss some adjustments.

6. Request from Environmental Manager Jonathan Ruff that the proposal from CHA for providing engineering services to prepare a dam permit modification application package and construction documents for the Mead Reservoir Dam be authorized and the agreement be executed. The cost will not exceed \$201,500.
7. Request from the Community Development Office to award Project Main St BIP No. 10-2008 for 64 Bridge Street (Ames Furniture Co, Inc. Db a McFadden Furniture) to B & E Development LLC in the total amount of \$129,950.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Calnon** said we are planning three budget sessions beginning tonight, one on Tuesday and then another one if needed following next weeks meeting. But I wanted to get feed back on what time of day we should meet on Tuesday. Did anyone have any great preferences?

**Councilor Carpenter** suggested 5 pm.

**Councilor Calnon** asked if everyone agreed and the time was set for 5 pm on Tuesday.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 5:38 pm